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Vesper Services Traditional Here

The Northfield schools presented in Memorial Chapel at Mount Hermon and at Northfield School for Girls the annual Yuletide vespers services last Sunday evening. Because of the storm, many parents did not attend.

Memorial Chapel was decorated with evergreen sprays and a wreath. Against this was a large gilded star.

Candlelight glowed through the auditorium after the boys had ignited tapers when the audience was seated.

Organ music provided a background of soft music. Carleton L'Hommedieu played "Puer Natus Est" by Everett Titcomb and "Christmas Pastorale" by James H. Rogers.

Black robed boys and girls, students of the two schools, marched into the auditorium singing the 16th century French carol, "Sing We Noel." Then followed a series of sacred songs and carols which has distinguished these services for years as the outstanding Christmas concert within miles.

The program included "My Chosen King is Christ the Lord" by J. S. Bach, "Glory to God in the Highest" by G. B. Pergolesi, the traditional melody, "The First Nowell," a group called Carols of the North, and including "Let Carols Ring," a folk melody from Sweden, "Carol of the Russian Children," from White Russia; and "A Christmas Carol from Lapland."

European carols included "Good Christian Men, Rejoice," a 14th century German melody; "While Shepherds Watched Their Sheep," Austrian, 17th century; "Happy

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Women's Guild Sees Drama 'Silent Night'

Boy Scouts Market Fireproof Yule Trees

Fireproof Christmas trees are for sale in Boy Scout headquarters next to Town Hall. Boy Scouts plan to use proceeds from the sale of these trees to offset some of the cost of alterations at Boy Scout headquarters with which they are being assisted by the scout committee and civic-minded merchants.

Trees may be purchased any evening. A large selection of sizes is available.

WCTU Christmas Luncheon Held

A Christmas luncheon was served by Mrs. Constantine George to members of the Northfield WCTU Wednesday at her home.

A business meeting followed with Mrs. Grace Cornell leading devotions. It was voted to send a collection of \$5 to Rev. Daniel Poling for use at the Bowery Mission in New York. Mrs. George suggested making day dolls and stuffed animals as a future money-raising project. Those present contributed many reminiscences of their childhood Christmases.

Those attending were Mrs. Gertrude Whitney, Mrs. Eliza Simmonds, Mrs. Cornell, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Green, Mrs. Lula Carey, Mrs. Minnie Morgan and Mrs. George.

The church vestry was crowded as "Silent Night," a dramatization of Christ's birth, was presented before an open meeting of the Women's Guild of Trinitarian Congregational church last night.

Those in the cast of the traditional drama were: innkeeper, Rev. Joseph Reeves; wisemen, Edgar J. Livingston, Harvey Cadwell and George Carr; shepherds, Donald McColester and Edward Cregar; an angel, Mrs. Joseph Reeves, and Mary and Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. James Gillespie.

The production was directed by Mrs. George Carr.

Mrs. Jessica Walker sang appropriate Christmas music accompanied by Mrs. Robert P. Barnes.

Refreshments were served.

Gill Community Christmas Party

Plans for the Gill Community Club Christmas party were discussed at a recent meeting.

Recitations, dances, a movie and a visit from Santa Claus will make up the program Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Day became members of the Club. Cards were played by the 17 present. High scorers were Mrs. Ralph Bogue and Luther Eddy. Mrs. Lee Goodwin and Chester Day were low scorers.

Mrs. Charles Sumner and Mrs. John St. Germain were hostesses for the members' Christmas party.



The ancient and beautiful story of the birth of Christ was told again in the form of a play at the Trinitarian Congregational church last night. The roles of Mary and Joseph were acted by Mr. and Mrs. James Gillespie and the hovering angel was Mrs. Joseph Reeves, wife of the minister.



A dramatic scene from the production shows principal characters in the senior class play, "Going On Seventeen," to be presented tomorrow night at Town Hall are: l. to r.: Paul, played by William Janes; Buddy Carhart, acted by David Amsden; Raymond Kerivan in the role of Shrimpy; and Craig Vincent, played by George Mello.

Selectmen To Meet

The Selectmen of the Town of Northfield will meet December 17, 26 and 31 to consider business. All bills against the town must be in by December 29, 1956.

St. Patrick's Parish Children at Party

A Christmas party for all children of St. Patrick's Parish will be sponsored by the Holy Name Society and St. Patrick's Guild at the church basement Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m.

Valentine Plotzck was recently elected president of the Holy Name Society. Others elected were George Butynski, first vice-president; Tom Hurley, second vice president; John Green, re-elected treasurer; and William Ur-gielewicz, marshal.

Polio Shots Available For 30½ Year Old Group

All persons under thirty are eligible to receive polio vaccine from state supplies until the vaccine on hand, which is nearing its expiration date, is exhausted, said Marion Billings, school health nurse.

Thereafter state vaccine can be given only to those under twenty. Those between nineteen and thirty may now go to the family physician, who will obtain vaccine from the local Board of Health.

The only charge which the physician will make will be for the administration of the vaccine. This makes vaccine available to young parents, a group which is usually harder hit than other adults. Those who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity must act at once.

It is expected that the vaccine will be used up rapidly. Some of the vaccine goes out of date December 25, and the remainder by January 19.

School Production Set for Saturday

Every student in the senior class at Northfield high is active in the senior class play. Of the 15 students in the class, 14 are in the cast of "Going On Seventeen," and Frederick Avery is acting as stage manager.

The play will be presented tomorrow, Dec. 15, at Town Hall. The public is invited.

Make-up for the production is under the direction of Mrs. Eugene Hammond and Mrs. Henry Lasak.

A light comedy suitable to their age group, the play is under the direction of Miss Evelyn Lawley.

Those in charge of scenery are: Martha Parsons, Deloris Fuller, Raymond Kervian and Frederick Avery.

The cast includes the maid, Elsa, played by Frances Given; Buddy Carhart, acted by David Amsden; Mrs. Carhart, Rita Gibson; Mr. Carhart, Charles Field; Florence Carhart, Martha Parsons; Craig Vincent, George Mello; Tom Williams, Stanley Gaida; Paul, William Janes; Shrimpy, Raymond Kervian; Joan Lansing, Delores Fuller; Lillums, Jessie Mroczek; Helen, Shirey Raymond; Doris, Adriel Carpenter, and Agnes, Veronica Powers.

Northfield schools close Friday morning, Dec. 21, for the holidays and reconvene Jan. 3.



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Better to Marry Than To Burn

We seem to have as many methods of fireproofing Christmas trees as there are people buying Christmas trees. From the amount of advice mailed to us (free, too) we not only have a choice—we have a real problem.

Our first source recommends that we dissolve one pound of sodium chloride in one and a half pints of water. This left us somewhat red faced, since discreet inquiries at the drug store resulted in an alarmed druggist telling us this is common table salt.

The instructions then state clearly: "This will do for a tree which weighs approximately four pounds. If the tree weighs eight pounds use two pounds of the chemical and three pints of water." This, too, presents a problem since public scales are somewhat public and the world might think us off our editorial rocker if we and a tree were to crowd onto one of them together.

Not being the fortunate possessor of bathroom scales, this problem looms rather large.

The instructions continue breezily: "Put the solution in a container, make a fresh cut in the base of the tree, making it at an angle, and let the tree soak up as much of the chemical solution as possible."

Maybe other readers are handier with a saw than we are, but by the time we could get an angle cut in the base of a tree (we are still wondering whether to cut clear through the tree base or not and whether or not we should have waited until after cutting off a pound or half-pound of tree to weigh it) it would be long past Christmas time.

Two other methods of preventing Christmas tree fires agree that the tree should be fresh when bought. We feel comforted at this point, but upon reading further find that one is a firm advocate of "occasionally throwing water" over the tree and the other suggests "a fresh cut should be made about one inch above the original and then be placed in a water container which is kept filled all the while the tree is indoors." We discard immediately the thought that the container is made of water, and bring ourselves back to the stern necessity of propping the tree upright (or just slightly tipped) in a container of water.

Possibly the best solution to our problem of fireproofing a Christmas tree is closer at hand than we think. Seems as though we've heard rumors, "Boy Scouts . . . next to Town Hall . . . fireproof Christmas trees all ready to go." Don't all rush at once.

Music Director Tells of Experiences

Norman Cloutier, director of music at WHAI, Greenfield, spoke on "Christmas Music" at a meeting of the Fortnightly last Friday.

He told of his many experiences working with music on various radio stations including the beginning of his career with the silent moving pictures and the problems of the early days of broadcasting, the conducting of orchestras and expenses of electrical transcription. He recorded "The Christmas Tree," "Christmas in the Tropics," "Christmas in Spain" and other soft music during the tea time.

Eighty-five members and guests were present. Mrs. George Carr read the Christmas story from Luke which added to the Yuletide atmosphere. A card was sent to Mrs. Bessie Symonds who recently celebrated her 95th birthday.

Mrs. Joseph W. Field, Mrs. Walter W. Hyde, Mrs. Carroll Millers and Mrs. Virginia S. Haack were tea hostesses, assisted by Mrs. Donald McCollister and Mrs. Harry Erickson who poured.

Bernardston P.O. Open Extra Hours

Postmaster Hazel Cairnes of Bernardston has announced the following schedule to be effective until Dec. 24: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., throughout the week and from 1 to 2 p.m., Saturday.

Wrap Christmas gifts securely, address gifts and cards correctly and mail them now, she advised.

Slips for local and out-of-town mail are available at the office or from rural carriers. These will help in cards and letters reaching addresses quicker.

Powers Boys Win 74-58 Over Alumni

The Powers boys varsity basketball team beat the Alumni in the annual basketball encounter Wednesday, 74-57, at town hall. The Alumnae licked the Powers girls varsity, 39-37.

Lee Kemp was high scorer with 24 points. George Letourneau had 20.

Sam Deane of the Alumni had 21 points, while Gerry Grover and Bliss had 10 each.

Students Choose Rita Gibson As Representative

Rita Gibson, Northfield high school senior, plans to travel to Boston in March as a result of her election as Good Government representative by the student body at Northfield high.

After a strenuous "political" campaign, Miss Gibson was elected delegate from Northfield, and her opponent, David Amsden, who will also join other student representatives when teen-agers convene to try their hands at governing the state in March, was elected alternate delegate.

Miss Gibson's "political" activities fit in very well with her vocational interests since she hopes to become a teacher of social sciences. History is her favorite subject.

Active in school affairs, Miss Gibson is editor of the press group at Northfield high, president of the student council, is taking part in the senior play, plays volleyball, is on the basketball team, is a member of the Pro Merito society, and was a representative of Northfield at Girls State at Bridgewater, Mass., last year.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson, Miss Gibson has one brother, a freshman at Northfield High, and two younger sisters.

Bernardston Notes

The Philathea Class of Goodale Memorial church, Bernardston, met Tuesday at 8 p.m., at the home of Miss Abbie Burrows of Old Brattleboro Road. A Christmas party was held with exchange of "white elephants." Collection was taken for Hungarian Relief.

Goodale Memorial church choir rehearsed Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Dorothea Derry for the final session before the candlelight service Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Donald Woodard of Bernardston was bitten on the thumb by a wildcat while hunting deer.

A daughter was born Dec. 7 to Mr. and Mrs. F. Courtlandt, granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. Gilmour of Mount Hermon; Charles Solms of Mount Hermon and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gilmour of Paget, Bermuda; great-granddaughter of Mrs. R. C. Solms of Queens, N. Y., Mrs. F. W. Purdum of Towson, Md., Mrs. W. F. Davis of Paget and Mrs. W. Gilmour of Port Stewart, County Londonderry, North Ireland.

Eight tables of cards were in play Saturday at the Unitarian church card party in the town hall. Prizes were won by Mrs. Fred Erickson, Millers Falls, high; Mrs. Seth Cole, Northfield, second; Mrs. William Shine, Millers Falls, low; Charles Hewitt, Gill, high; Oscar Osgood, Greenfield, second; George Matheu, Turners Falls, low. Door prizes went to Cole, George Matheu of Turners Falls, Henry Pond of Bernardston and Ralph Gillett of Greenfield.



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Frequent Visitor Here Dies Thursday in Boston

James Edward Lyons, Jr., 32, died Thursday, Dec. 6, at Massachusetts General hospital in Boston following an operation.

He was born Aug. 10, 1924, at Colon, Canal Zone, Panama, son of James Edward and Melba (Baker) Lyons. He had lived in Boston 2½ years but for many years was a frequent visitor at the home of the late Mrs. Arthur Baker of Northfield.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lyons, now of Springfield; a brother, Ralph of Boston; two half-brothers, Clarence J. and Robert E. Fuller of Springfield, and three half-sisters, Mrs. Lourene Burrows of Claremont, N. H., Mrs. Janet F. Burner of Springfield, and Miss Patricia Fuller of Pittsfield.

Services were Monday at the Kidder Funeral Home in Northfield with Rev. Everett Moore, pastor of the Advent Christian church of South Vernon, officiating. Burial followed at Green River cemetery in Greenfield.

Newfoundland Scenes Entertain Kiwanis

The Northfield Kiwanis Club met at Valley Vista Inn Monday evening. There were 27 members present and one guest, Edward Powell, Sr., present.

The speaker was Dave Powell, who recently returned from Newfoundland after a two-year tour of duty there with the air force. He showed slides and spoke on the history and development of that country.

Among slides shown of the easternmost tip of the American continent were those of laughing whales, blue icebergs and islanders in peasant costumes.

President-elect David Quinn announced the new committees for 1957 and met with the new chairman after the meeting.

At next week's meeting it is expected that a group from the Northampton Kiwanis Club will be guests.

Gill Welfare Up; Warwick Unchanged

Welfare department grants in the town of Gill rose \$16 last month from \$543 to \$559, while total caseload of eight was unchanged in all categories.

Accounting for six of the cases was old age assistance. Grants in this category declined from \$422 to \$355.

Welfare grants last month in the town of Warwick stayed below the past year's average, ris-

Assessors' Maps Voted By Town

The expenditure of \$1,000 of available funds for the preparation of special maps for use by the planning board and assessors was authorized by some fifty voters at a special town meeting on Monday, Dec. 10.

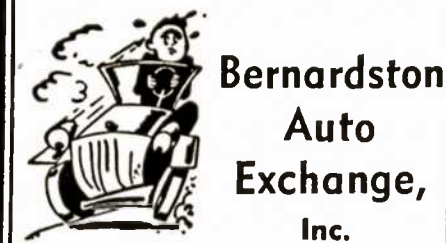
Future zoning plans of the town are dependent upon accurate maps of the area, explained Gordon Moody of the planning board. And future revaluation of assessments, he added, will depend primarily upon assessors' maps.

Edward M. Powell pointed to the danger of commercial encroachment on the main residential area if zoning preparations were put off for too long a time.

Chr. Winthrop E. Spencer of the assessors declared that large-scale assessors' maps will help account for six per cent of the town's total area which is not accounted for by deeds, rivers or roadways at the present time.

ing just \$5 in this town, while the caseload remained at 21.

Payments rose from \$1,561 to \$1,566. The 19 old age assistance cases were sent \$1,362 in October and \$1,356 in November, and payments on two cases of aid to dependent children rose from \$198 to \$209.



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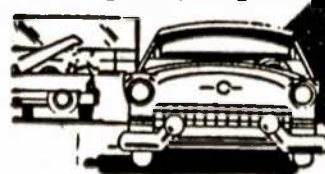
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Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

Scores of parents who started out for the two Christmas concerts Sunday, either at Mt. Hermon or at The Northfield School for Girls, never reached this community because of the heavy snow storm.

The Mt. Hermon Fair held in James Gymnasium last Saturday was, as usual, a great success both from the standpoint of fun gifts and refreshments it provided but also from the financial aspect;

\$778.40 was realized and more than \$500 was cleared.

On the Christmas committee of the Brownies are the following girls: Ethel Walker, Kathleen Livingstone, Alan Black, and Joy Holloway, refreshments; Linda Scott, Joanne Butler, Patricia Butler and Pauline Wood, games; Susan Leonard, Betty Tower, Joanne Klowan and Mary Ann Luciw, decorations and gifts. The girls have worked on gifts for their mothers. Immediately following school Dec. 20, the group will go to the Bronson Nursing Home with gifts they have made, and then have their party at The Little House.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Billings have moved into their new home on Winchester Road.

On Wednesday evening a card party was held at the Northfield Farms Community House.

Although the Northfield Garden Club is not sponsoring any Christmas yard, or house, or decorating contest this year they are urging

people to do all they can to beautify their homes, many of which can be seen from across the river at night. The small, decorated trees in front of St. Patrick's Church are unusually attractive this year. The Garden Club each year trims the large tree beside the high school.

The Fortnightly Club does not meet again until Jan. 4 when William Morrow, head of Schauffler Library, and Carlton L'Hommiedieu, organist, both of Mt. Hermon School, will give the program.

Principal George Leonard has received word of the death of his mother, Mrs. Chester E. Leonard. A week ago Mrs. Leonard suffered a heart attack and she died

Sunday, Dec. 9, in the Brockton Hospital. She had been making her home in Abington. The funeral service was held Wednesday in Rockland, Mass.

On Monday five trains changed schedule. The three going south are now 7:50 a.m., 4:41 and 9:43 p.m. Going north, 7:10 a.m. and 2:08 p.m.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Caron of South Vernon Dec. 9 in Brattleboro Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George McEwan expect to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Edgar Parker in Newport, R. I.

'Bud' Sterns helped with the 20-40 Club Christmas party Monday evening by calling the dances for the square dancing. Eugene Gancarz led the Christmas carol singing. The John Trumbulls and the Robert Johnsons were hosts.

About 100 persons attended the Unitarian Church supper and Christmas party.

Fireproofed Christmas trees are

on sale at the Boy Scout House next to Town Hall, in the evenings only.

At the D.A.R. meeting Monday Martha Parsons gave the speech, "I Speak for Democracy" which she entered in the county contest. Mrs. Harold Carroll read papers on early Northfield.

The Douglas Jones family will move into the Scanlon house on Birnam Road this week.

Tuesday evening the Grange held its pot luck supper and Christmas party.

On Wednesday St. Patrick's

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Chimes Dedication To Mark Service At Bernardston

Goodale Memorial church, Bernardston, will hold its fourth annual Christmas candlelight service Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

A special program by the gational church and contributions by several friends made possible the recent acquisition of a set of cathedral chimes.

Mrs. Dorothea Derry, church organist and choir director, with the fourteen members of the choir, are now planning an amplifying system to be placed in the church steeple so townspeople and passersby may enjoy hearing the chimes throughout the Christmas and Easter seasons and on Sundays throughout the year.

Friends of the church have been invited to a farewell reception to follow the candlelight service for Rev. and Mrs. Thomas S. Cleaver, who will retire from the ministry Dec. 23. They have been with the local church seven years and in the service of the Lord 40 years.

Mr. Cleaver has been president of the Ministerium for two years, scribe for the Franklin County Association of Congregational Christian Churches for three years, chairman of its nominating committee, and a committee member of the Mental Health association.

The Cleavers will spend their winters in Penny Farms, Fla., and summers at their home now under construction in East Northfield.

Women of the church will serve refreshments in the vestry following the Sunday musical program.



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High School News Notes

Betsy Glazier, Reporting

The junior class met Tuesday with Mr. Gron Lloyd of the Balfour Company to select the style of class ring they wanted as their official ring. This class will be the last class to select such a ring. There was some question whether the class would purchase a Northfield high school ring since they will be graduating from the regional school. The class felt, however, that since they will have spent five years in our school, they prefer to have a Northfield High School ring.

The senior class is putting the finishing touches on its play to be presented this Saturday night in Town Hall at 8 p.m. The play, "Going on Seventeen," is a play everyone should see. It is a comedy based on the activities of three teenage "woman haters"

whose plans are greatly altered by a coy little number in the person of "Lillums." Lillums succeeds in breaking up this little group, at least temporarily, but succeeding events reunite the boys as the play comes to a delightful close.

We feel that you all will enjoy an evening of fun and wholesome entertainment if you attend the Senior Class Play this Saturday night at Town Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased now from any of the seniors and many other high school students.

The junior class will sell candy between acts.

The Glee Club has been preparing special Christmas music to be presented at our Christmas assembly next week and for a recording made Thursday afternoon by a representative from station WCAT in Orange. That station is recording Christmas music by high school glee clubs to be presented on Christmas Day. This will be a new experience for our group.

Our principal, Mr. Leonard, received a letter from Mr. Henry Trow, head of the department of business administration, at Northampton Commercial College. Mr. Trow states, "You will be pleased to know that the name of Albert E. Allen, Jr., a graduate of your school in the class of 1954, appears on our President's honor list for the first marking period. He is an exceptionally fine young man and is doing outstanding work in our business administration program. He is very popular with his instructors and fellow classmates. They have elected him treasurer of the Bowling Club and also of the Skating Club. In addition, he is a member of the College Glee Club."

We are always pleased to hear of the fine work our graduates are doing in their colleges.

Our basketball season gets under way this week. This afternoon the girls will entertain the Sanderson Academy girls in our Town Hall at 3:15. Tonight, there will be two boys' games at Sanderson Academy. Next Tuesday night, we will entertain the New Salem Academy boys' teams. The girls will go to New Salem next Wednesday afternoon. We hope you will plan to attend some of these games and help our teams have a successful season.

BUY U. S. SAVINGS BONDS

Through a Kitchen Window

Our neighbor across the road has a handsome lofty tulip tree in her yard south of the house. It was planted there by her mother years ago when it was a very small tree. Because of the tree itself and its association it is especially full of meaning for her and her family.

At any time of the year this tulip tree has charm. In the fall it becomes the dominant part of a colorful grouping and a joy to see. The glossy sunshiny-green leaves turn a rich vibrant gold, and in company with a flowering dogwood of "winey mahogany," a lilac bush and a green arbor of Hall's honeysuckle, it transforms the side yard with color.

Of pyramidal habit, in winter the silhouette is interesting. Remnants of the persistent "seed cones" remain erect in candelabra fashion on the bare twigs after all the seeds have fallen. This makes for a look of individuality, and gives the tree a sort of personality too.

A tulip tree likes to stretch to the sun and seems to do best with plenty of elbow room. It will grow on a variety of soils but prefers fairly dry well drained ground. When young it grows rapidly, later slower. In the wild it associates with black cherry, hickory, white pine, butternut, white oak and magnolia, which belongs to the same family as the tulip tree. The Latin name is *Liriodendron tulipifera*. It has common names of whitewood, tulip poplar and yellow poplar.

One interesting feature of this tree is that it has a variable form not always following the same pattern. Sometimes the trunk is straight and tall, sometimes it will be forked at mid-height, and occasionally it has two or three trunks. The bark is ash gray and uniformly furrowed. Some say the large buds look like duck bills.

If you have a copy of "A List of Plants Growing Without Cultivation in Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden Counties" by Prof. George E. Stone, you will find on page 30 the tulip tree was growing in Deerfield, Gill, Bernardston, Southampton, Agawam, Huntington, etc. Botany books say the range is Massachusetts and S. Vermont, to N. Y., S. Ont., Wisc. and southward.

No other tree has leaves like the tulip and you can always distinguish it at first glance by the leaves. Seen at close range they are uniquely shaped about as broad as long, squarish with two basal and two terminal lobes. The apex appears to be cut off abruptly by a broad and shallow notch. On long slender stems the leaves are somewhat pendulous. They turn and rustle in the slightest breeze creating an air of liveliness.

Audubon, remarkable portrayer of nature, in one of his bird plates, pictures Baltimore orioles and nest among the leaves, flowers and buds of the tulip tree. It is an interesting picture, artistic and informative.

Flowers of this tree, singularly beautiful, are greenish yellow marked with orange and tulip-like in shape, 2-3 inches long. They appear in late May and early June on the ends of branches in the upper part of the tree. Because they open after the leaves have come out they are hidden, not easily seen and appreciated.

In September and October the flowers are followed by pointed cone-shaped straw colored fruits packed with winged seeds that look at first glance like ash seeds with the nutlet at one end. But on second glance these samaras are twisted and curved with blunt ends, not smoothly paddle shaped. Jostled by a stiff breeze these seeds flutter in dizzy whirligig fashion from the pointed seed

heads and are scattered far and wide.

Quantities of seed are produced on a single tree—as many as 12,000-14,000 to the pound. They have low viability and slow germination. Only about 2-15% will grow which may account for the fact that the tree does not reproduce rapidly. White tailed deer, red squirrel, bobwhite and cottontail rabbit have been known to eat the seeds. We wonder if Evening grosbeaks do too.

The wood is soft and fine grained much used in carpentry for furniture, boat-building and the manufacture of small articles. It is valuable in cabinet making and used for interior trim. It does not split easily but is readily worked and bent to any required shape. North Carolina produces vast quantities of whitewood lumber.

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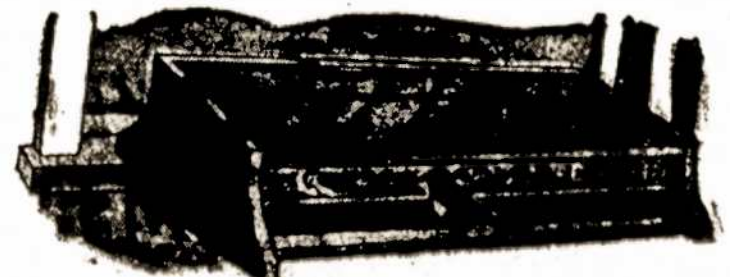
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Social Notes

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Guild will hold their December meeting in Alexander Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Wynne C. Keever expect to leave Dec. 19 for Florida where Mrs. Keever's mother, Mrs. Washburn, is spending the winter.

D. O. Paul of Gill was elected president of the Franklin County Assessors' Association at the annual meeting at Deerfield Academy last week.

A son was born Dec. 12 to Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hartwell of Mount Hermon; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hartwell of Durham, N. H., and Cornelius K. Buys of New York City; great-grandson of Allen A. Hartwell and Mrs. George S. Abell, both of Durham.

Thirty-five members and friends attended a pot-luck supper which preceded the business meeting. A Christmas program was arranged by Miss Marian Allen and Albert Allen, Jr. Mrs. Bernard Whitney won a word contest.

Miss Fanny Stockbridge entertained three tables of bridge Tuesday. She will close her home on Highland Ave. this month and spend Christmas in Springfield. From there she plans to go to Orange City near Deland, Fla., for the winter.

Mrs. Maude Wood entertained at tea to celebrate the birthdays of four friends Thursday. She will close her Main St. house Dec. 23 and stay at the Northfield Hotel for the winter.

Last Sunday evening Miss Barbara Clough, headmistress of the

Northfield School for Girls, gave her annual Christmas party. About 100 of the staff and families attended.

Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Mercer and family left for Orlando, Fla., Dec. 12, after visiting Greenfield friends. They will go to Englewood, Fla., to visit her family. Dr. Mercer's office in Northfield will be closed from Dec. 12 to Jan. 6.

Fred Chapin and Roger Holloway were installed as officers of the Grange last Tuesday evening. At the meeting next Tuesday evening, members are asked to bring quarters wrapped in silver for the Hastings' family, whose home recently burned.

Mrs. Pearl Allen and her daughter, Marian, have sent the town Christmas cards, with a picture of Northfield, and the November civic council news letter to all our servicemen.

Lee Sheldon has been made an executive of the Assessors Association.

Last night the Fish and Game Association held their appropriation meeting.

The afternoon and evening Alliances of the Unitarian church met yesterday. Christmas music and readings entertained the groups. Refreshments were served.

For the first time in several years, word has been received from Robert Domey, who made his home with the Powells and went to public school here from 1946 until 1947. After attending the University of Texas, he went to California air force base.

Mr. and Mrs. George Partridge plan to start early next week to spend the Christmas holidays with their son, Lynn, and family in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Miss Lillian MacDonald, formerly of China and the faculty of the Northfield School for Girls, writes enthusiastically of her retirement days spent near her sister on Prince Edward Isle. As a girl, she attended the Seminary and for several years was summer hostess at The Birthplace.

At the party given by Miss Vera Vaughn for her boys' Sunday school class, slides of "Operation Deep Freeze" were shown through the courtesy of the Leon Randalls, whose son is at the South Pole.

Mr. and Mrs. William Corliss and baby, Cathy, came from Cincinnati to spend last weekend with his parents. When Mr. Corliss went to Washington as a General Electric representative at the nuclear power conference, his wife and child went to Brookline to visit her parents.

Joseph Wharton, a missionary from China, has returned to Vernon Home after a speaking tour in California, Oregon and Texas.

William Farrar of East Northfield has come to live at the Vernon Home.

Cheryl Holton celebrated her birthday by serving refreshments to 17 Brownies, Carol Lombard and Peggy Mroczk.

Harvey G. Cadwell, Center school sixth-grade teacher,

Deer Kills

Robert L. Wallner, Main Road, Gill, a 165 pound buck in North Bernardston.

Michael Saharceski, Jr., 20 Ferry Road, Turners Falls, a 140 pound buck in Northfield.

"Dick" Field of Northfield bagged a 115 pound doe on Tuesday. His companions, Col. Arthur Shupe, CD sector director, and Walter Chase, bagged a 130 pound doe and a 160 pound, eight point buck, respectively, on Wednesday.

Ernest LaPlante of Bernardston killed a 125 pound, eight-point buck on West Mountain. Steve Siciak of Bernardston shot a 173 pound, eight-point buck in East Bernardston last week.

Forrest Carey, Beers Plain Rd., Northfield, bagged a 150 pound buck last week in Northfield.

Norman W. Mattson, Sr., of Millers Falls, a 85 pound spikehorn at Northfield Farms Saturday afternoon.

Verion Davenport of Greenfield

received his M.S. degree in administration and guidance from University of Massachusetts. For 2½ years before and after WW II, he was personnel director in the plastics department of General Electric Co. in Pittsfield. He served in Australia and New Guinea and is now living with the Robert Haffner's.

Fourteen Boy Scouts from Bernardston, accompanied by several adults, went to South Halifax, Vt., Sunday to cut a truckload of Christmas trees donated by Dr. John Olson and removed in a Lodge Petroleum truck.

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got a large four point buck in Bernardston Thursday, Dec. 6.

Robert E. Boulanger of Montague City, 150 pound buck in Northfield.

William Graves of Conway, 85 pound doe in Conway.

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Most recent higher monthly total was \$6,383 in May, when there were 73 cases on the books. From May to October, the monthly total had declined steadily.

In this town alone, caseload increased by one to 31 while expenditures jumped from \$2,288 to \$2,669.

Comparison of caseload and grants in Bernardston for October and November, in that order, shows: old age assistance, 24 cases, \$1,808, 23 cases, \$1,952; aid to dependent children, four cases, \$407, five cases, \$609; disability assistance, stable at two cases and \$72.

Beveridge Funeral
Held in Westfield

A private funeral service for Frank S. Beveridge was held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the Church of the Atonement in Westfield.

This service was conducted by the Rt. Rev. W. Appleton Lawrence, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Western Massachusetts, and Rev. Paul T. Schultz, rector of Zion Episcopal church of Greene, N. Y., former rector of the Westfield church.

The bearers were Dr. Howard Rubendall, president of the Northfield Schools at East Northfield; Gordon Moody of the Northfield Inn at Northfield; Franklin Gath of the Hampden National Bank and Trust Co. of Westfield; Guy Ashley, vice president of the Old Colony Envelope Co. of Westfield; Charles C. McPherson, member of the board of directors of Stanley Home Products; Wallace Campbell, vice president of the Fuller Brush Co.; Donald Stone, president of Springfield College, and Harlan Sears, president of the Third National Bank and Trust Co. in Springfield. Burial was in Pine Hill cemetery.

A memorial service was held at First Methodist church, Westfield, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the pastor, Rev. H. Newton Clay, officiating.

The Easthampton plant and the Westfield offices of the Stanley Home Products, Inc., were closed all day out of respect for the late founder and to permit associates, as employees are called, to attend the afternoon service.

Vesper Services
Traditional Here

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Bethlehem," a Basque carol; "When the Savior Christ Is Born," "Tis the Time for Mirth," French, and "Silent Night," German.

American and English songs were, "Go Tell It on the Mountain," for which Richard Black of Cherry Point, N. C., gave his fine tenor voice to the solo passages; "In the Bleak Mid-winter" by Katherine K. Davis, and "On This Day, Earth Shall Ring," H. C. Stewart.

The recessional was "O Come All Ye Faithful," followed by benediction, which was given by President Howard L. Rubendall of the schools. Organ postlude was the finale from Handel's "Water Music Suite."

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Sewing Class Date

The adult sewing class of Bernardston will be Thursday evening, Dec. 20, Mrs. Vesta Coombs, instructor, said today.

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